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rookery of the birds on Laysan Island, H. I. The complete Year Book consists of 880 pages.—C. B.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SUBSPECIES OF *Meleagris gallopavo* AND PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE NOMENCLATURE OF CERTAIN NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS. By E. W. Nelson. (Author's separate from the *Auk* XVII, No. 2, Apl. 1900)

This paper is of interest to Coast ornithologists in that it proposes to separate the flickers of California and the rocky mountain region from *colaptes cafer*, under the sub-specific name of *Colaptes cafer collaris* (Vig.), the subspecies being "distinguished from true *cafer* by its larger size, decidedly longer bills, paler upper parts, more sparsely spotted under parts and broader black tips to tail-feathers." The range or *C. c. saturator* remains as before.

Sayornis nigricans is subdivided into three races, of which *Sayornis n. semiatra* (Vigors) is ascribed to the "Pacific Coast of Mexico and the United States from Colima to Oregon, including most of Arizona." It is stated that the type localities of both *Colaptes cafer collaris* and *Sayornis nigricans semiatra* may be considered as Monterey, Cal.—C. B.

FOOD OF THE BOBOLINK, BLACKBIRDS AND GRACKLES. (Bulletin No. 13, Department of Agriculture. By F. E. L. Beal, 1900).

This is another of the excellent food bulletins issued by the Biological Survey. The food habits of the several birds are gone into minutely, and in each case large numbers of stomachs have been examined and the contents tabulated in careful form. Notes from observers are also given, all of which permits of the possibility of making the deductions correct, so that they may be applied generally to any locality. The bobolink finds the balance against him, owing to the extensive depredations upon the rice crop in the South, aside from which the species does not appear to be injurious. Much evidence is presented for and against the blackbirds, the chief danger seeming to be in the localities where the birds congregate in great numbers, in which cases their capacity to do damage is tremendous if the opportunity offers. This bulletin should be in the hands of every ornithologist as well as every enterprising agriculturist, that they may appreciate the exceedingly valuable and systematic work which is being done by the Biological Survey for agricultural interests.—C. B.



Mr. Joseph Mailliard presented a paper entitled "Spring Notes from Merced County, California" at a recent meeting of the Section of Ornithology of the California Academy of Sciences.

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